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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Atsushi Kaneda et al.

Serial No. : 10/768,786
Filed : January 30, 2004
For : PLUG ATTACHING MECHANISM
Group A.U. :
Date : February 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 4 of this Amendment.